

Application No. 10/623,370
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REMARKS

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1. Claim Status:

- Claims 1-24, 26, 27 and 29-38 are pending.
- Claims 1-11, 17-21, 26, 27, 29-31, 33-35, 37 and 38 are rejected.
- Claims 12-16, 22-25, 28, 32-33 and 36 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103(a)

2. Claims 1-10, 17-21, 27-31, 33, 35 and 37

The Office rejected claims 1-10, 17-21, 27-31, 33, 35 and 37 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tadros et al. (WO 01/02192 A1) in view of Nakagawa et al (3,901,819). Applicants respectfully traverse because *Tadros* WO '192 is not a proper reference.

Tadros '192 was published 01/10/2002. The instant application claims the benefit of US Provisional Application Serial No. 60/397,424, filed 07/19/2002 (see specification, p. 1, lines 9-11). Attachment A is a copy of the '424 provisional as filed. Attachment B is a copy of the Filing Receipt for the regular application 10/623,370, which confirms that the instant application ('370) claims the benefit of said provisional.

In the advisory action mailed 07/11/2006, the Office said that applicant was not entitled to the filing date of the provisional application because the provisional did not disclose a "sorbent additive". Applicants respectfully traverse.

In the Provisional Application 60/397,424, filed 07/19/2002, on the second page (the page that starts with the word "Description" at the top), the last paragraph states:

"This TA presents a convenient method to formulate DF-200 for practical use. It uses a highly sorbent material (sorbitol - a sugar alcohol) to 'dry out' the liquid peroxide activator (propylene glycol diacetate or glycerol diacetate). The

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activator becomes a free flowing powder which is more convenient to handle in the field." [emphasis added]

Applicants respectfully submit that the words "highly sorbent material" used to "dry out the liquid peroxide activator" does, in fact, disclose the generic concept of using a sorbent additive in the manner recited in the regular application ('370). Specifically, the '370 specification, at page 51, lines 7-20, teaches the following:

"DF-200 With Sorbent Material Added to "Dry Out" Liquid Ingredients

According to the present invention, a water-soluble, highly adsorbent additive is used to "dry out" one or more liquid ingredients of the family of DF-200 decontamination formulations, such as the liquid bleaching activator (i.e., peroxide activator) that is used for the "Part C" component of a multi-part, kit configuration (e.g., 3-part or 4-part configuration). A goal of "drying out" the liquid bleaching activator(s) is to produce a **dry, free-flowing powder** that can be placed in protective packaging with a desiccant, have an extended shelf life, be more convenient to handle and mix in the field (as compared to handling and mixing a liquid), and not leave a residue. In this way, the sorbent material acts as a drying agent.

The process of "drying out" the liquid bleaching activator (e.g., propylene glycol diacetate or glycerol diacetate) is not really an evaporation process as it is commonly understood. Rather, the present invention uses a **sorbent additive that absorbs and/or adsorbs (i.e., at room temperature) substantially all of the liquid activator to produce a powdered, free-flowing product that is easier to handle."** [emphasis added]

Applicants use the words "sorbent additive" and "sorbent material" interchangeably throughout the '370 application.

In both the provisional application, and the regular application, applicants have consistently followed the style of placing an example of a suitable material in-between parentheses (), to indicate an example. Specifically, in the provisional, the text says

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"highly sorbent material (sorbitol - a sugar alcohol)". This means that sorbital is an specific example of a sorbent material, with "sugar alcohol" being broader class of polyols. There is nothing in the disclosure of the Provisional that explicitly limits the sorbent material to only being sorbitol.

In summary, applicants submit that the '424 Provisional application **fully supports** the teaching of a "sorbent additive", as it is used and claimed in the '370 regular application.

Therefore, because *Tadros '192* was published **less than 1 year** prior to applicant's effective filing date of 07/19/2002, *Tadros '192* is not a proper "102(b) type" reference for use in 103(a) rejections. Hence, the rejections of claims 1-10, 17-21, 27-31, 33, 35 and 37 should be withdrawn.

Claim 33 is cancelled.

Since the Office has made no other rejections of claims 1-10, 21, 35 or 37, then these claims are now in condition for allowance.

However, in order to expedite prosecution, applicants have voluntarily rewritten claim 21 in **independent form**, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3. Claims 11, 26, 34, and 38

The Office rejected claims 11, 26, 34, and 38 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tadros et al. WO 02/02192*, all said patents individually in view of *Nakagawa et al* (3,901,819) and further in view of *Huth et al.* (6,448,062).

As presented above, *Tadros '192* is not a proper reference. Hence, the rejections of claims 11, 26, 34, and 38 under 35 USC §103(a) should be withdrawn.

Since the Office has made no other rejections of claims 11, 26, 34, or 38, then these claims are now in condition for allowance.

However, in order to expedite prosecution, applicants have voluntarily rewritten claims 26 and 34 in **independent form**, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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4. Claims 27, 29, 31, and 33

The Office rejected claims 27, 29, 31, and 33 under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over by *Kreznoski* (3,852,210) in view of *Nakagawa et al* (3,901,819).

In response, applicants amended claim 27 by limiting the sorbent additive to be selected from the group consisting of sodium sulfate, calcium hypochlorite, calcium chloride, potassium bromide, potassium carbonate, zeolytes, precipitated silicas, percarbonates, dendritic salt (sea salt), potassium bromide, urea, and polyols, and combinations thereof.

None of these sorbent additives are taught by *Kreznoski* or *Nakagawa*. Hence, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been made, and the rejection of claim 27, as currently amended, is improper.

Claims 29 and 31 depend from claim 27, and are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants wish to point out a pair of conflicting statements made by the Office in the instant Office Action. On page 5, the Office states: "*Kreznoski differs from applicant's claimed invention in that there is **no direct disclosure** to the further addition of a bleaching activator selected from the group consisting of O-acetyl, N-acetyl, and nitrile group bleaching activators.*" However, on page 6, the Office states just the opposite: "*...is the actual disclosure of Krasanoski's Example wherein the Acetanilid component reads on applicant's N-acetyl type bleach activator*". This is confusing.

In either case, nevertheless, applicants believe that **Acetanilid** is not a bleach activator...rather, it is a peroxide stabilizer. In order to be a bleach activator, the nitrogen must be directly bound to 3 carbon atoms (i.e., not an H atom, as in Acetanilid).

5. Claims 17-20, 27, 29-31 and 33

The Office rejected claims 17-20, 27, 29-31 and 33 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hardy* 4,536,314 optionally in view of *Nakagawa* 3,901,819 and/or *Hardy* 4,853,143. The Office notes that *Hardy* lists *sodium citrate* as an ingredient in example 24.

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In response, applicants have deleted *sodium citrate* from the list of sorbent additives in claim 17. Nowhere does *Hardy* ('143) or *Hardy* ('314) or *Nakagawa* teach the use of dendritic salt, calcium hypochlorite, calcium chloride, polyols, urea, or potassium bromide as a sorbent additive, as recited in claim 17, as currently amended.

Since not all of the elements of amended claim 17 are taught by these references, a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be supported. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 17, as currently amended, has been overcome.

Claims 18-20 depend from claim 17. Since claim 17 is now in condition for allowance, it follows that dependent claims 18-20 are also now in condition for allowance.

Applicants also deleted *sodium citrate* from the list of sorbent additives in claim 27. Nowhere does *Hardy* ('143) or *Hardy* ('314) or *Nakagawa* teach the use of sodium sulfate, calcium hypochlorite, calcium chloride, potassium bromide, potassium carbonate, zeolites, precipitated silicas, percarbonates, dendritic salt (sea salt), potassium bromide, urea, and polyols, and combinations thereof as a sorbent additive, as recited in claim 27, as currently amended.

Since not all of the elements of amended claim 27 are taught by these references, a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be supported. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 27, as currently amended, has been overcome.

Claims 29-31 and 33 depend from claim 27. Since claim 27 is now in condition for allowance, it follows that dependent claims 29-31 and 33 are also now in condition for allowance.

6. New claims 39-42

New claims 39-42 have been added, and are fully supported by the specification. In particular, the claim limitations for the element "sorbent additive" are taken directly from the '340 provisional application.

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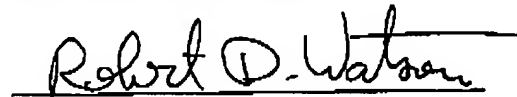
CONCLUSION

Applicants have responded to each and every objection and rejection, and urge that claims 1-11, 17-21, 26-27, 29-31, 34-35, 37-38, and new claims 39-42 as presented and amended are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request expeditious processing to issuance.

The Office is authorized to charge **Deposit Account # 19-0131** for any necessary fees regarding this response.

Applicants wish to point out that a fee of \$600 (for 3 additional independent claims: 21, 26, and 34) **was already charged** to this deposit account on July 3, based on the amendment after final that was filed June 26, 2006. Therefore, only an additional \$ 200 should be charged for new independent claim 39, and \$ 150 for the three new dependent claims 40-42.

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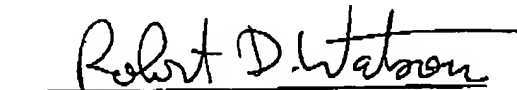
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APPENDIX A

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- Is the invention in use for its intended application?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Have you offered to let non-Sandians use the invention?..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is the material in this TA recorded in a lab notebook or other permanent record?..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Question 1: Material has been disclosed to Envirofoam Technologies, Inc., a joint developer; Question 2: Material has been disclosed to Envirofoam Technologies, Inc. a joint developer; Question 4: Envirofoam Technologies, Inc.; Question 5: SNL notebook 082001MDT, Page 66 and Envirofoam Technologies, Inc. meeting notes

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Description

Sandia National Laboratories has recently developed DF-200, an enhanced decontamination formulation for the neutralization of chemical and biological warfare agents and biological pathogens, which is described in Technical Advance SD-6989 (Tucker, MD, 2001, "DF-200 - An Enhanced Formulation for the Decontamination and Mitigation of CBW Agents and Biological Pathogens", Sandia National Laboratories, SD-6989/S-97,643). Two formulations associated with DF-200 are summarized below:

DF-200HF (Enhanced Formulation for High Foam Applications):

2.00% Varquat 80MC (cationic surfactant)
1.00% Adogen 477 (cationic hydrotrope)
0.40% 1-Dodecanol (fatty alcohol)
0.05-0.10% Jaguar 8000 (cationic polymer)
0.50% Di(propylene glycol) Methyl Ether (solvent)
2.00-8.00% Bicarbonate salt (buffer and peroxide activator)
1.00-4.00% Hydrogen Peroxide (oxidant)
1.00-4.00% Propylene Glycol Diacetate or Glycerol Diacetate (peroxide activator)
80.00-92.05% Water

Note: The formulation must be adjusted to a pH value between 9.6 and 9.85 and is effective for decontamination of all agents tested.

DF-200NF (Enhanced Formulation for No Foam Applications):

2.50% Benzalkonium Chloride
1.00-8.00% Propylene Glycol Diacetate or Glycerol Diacetate
1.00%-16.00% Hydrogen Peroxide
2.00%-8.00% Potassium Bicarbonate
65.50%-93.50% Water

Note: The formulation must be adjusted to a pH value between 9.6 and 9.85 and is effective for decontamination of all agents tested.

The term 'High Foam' refers to the ability of a formulation to form a highly stable and persistent foam whereas a 'No Foam' formulation does not include foaming constituents that may be used for specific applications such as for the kill of biological organisms, batch processing (such as in chemical agent demilitarization neutralization processes), or spray applications. DF-200 utilizes a water-soluble peroxide activator (propylene glycol diacetate or glycerol diacetate).

The primary purpose for the delivery of DF-200 as a foam is to enable it to adhere to vertical surfaces and the underside of horizontal surfaces for a sufficient period of time to allow neutralization reactions to occur with chemical agents and biological pathogens (the required contact time is anywhere from 2 minutes to 45 minutes depending on the agent to be neutralized).

This TA presents a convenient method to formulate DF-200 for practical use. It uses a highly sorbent material (sorbitol - a sugar alcohol) to 'dry out' the liquid peroxide activator (propylene glycol diacetate or glycerol diacetate). The activator becomes a free flowing powder which is more convenient to handle in the field. Sorbitol is chemically unreactive in DF-200. In addition, it does not destroy the foaming properties of DF-200. The two powders (urea hydrogen peroxide and the sorbitol/activator/polyethylene glycol blend) may be added to the liquid portion of DF-200 together and treated as if they were one powder (although they must be stored separately).

DF-200HF with Solid Additives (no additional water required)**DF-200HF Part A (Liquid Foam Component):**

20.0 g Varquat 80MC
 10.0 g Adogen 477
 4.0 g 1-Dodecanol
 8.0 g Diethylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether
 5.0 g Isobutanol
 50.0 g Potassium Bicarbonate
 18.0 g Potassium Hydroxide (the pH of Part A should be approximately 10.4)
 933.0 g Water

DF-200HF Part B (Solid Oxidant Component):

97.0 g Urea Hydrogen Peroxide

DF-200HF Part C (Liquid Peroxide Activator):

20.0 g Propylene Glycol Diacetate or Glycerol Diacetate
 40.0 g Sorbitol (Sorbitol Fines)
 20.0 g Polyethylene Glycol 8000 (Carbowax 8000)

Note: This formulation as described above will produce 1 liter of foam solution. The pH of the final formulation should be between 9.6 and 9.85. To prepare this formulation, use the following procedure: Mix Part B and Part C into Part A. After dissolution, use within 6 hours.

The performance of DF-200HF in the configuration shown above for neutralization of chemical agent simulants is given in Figure 1 below:

| Simulant | % Decontaminated | | |
|--------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| | 1 Minute | 15 Minutes | 60 Minutes |
| Mustard (HD) | 61 | 91 | Not Detected |
| VX | 28 | 92 | >99 |

Figure 1: Reaction rates in kinetic testing for the DF-200HF.

Tests against the anthrax spore simulant (*Bacillus globigii* spores) demonstrated 99.9999% (7-log) kill after a 60 minute exposure to DF-200HF.

One method for mixing Part C is also presented. This method is described below:

1. Place the sorbitol powder in a mixing vessel.
2. While mixing, slowly add the liquid peroxide activator (propylene glycol diacetate or glycerol diacetate). Mix until a fine powder (no lumps) is achieved.
3. While continuing to mix, slowly add the polyethylene glycol 8000.
4. Let dry for approximately 24 hours. Re-mix to break up any lumps that have formed.

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TITLE DE-200 Packaging

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Drying (solidifying) Propylene glycol diacetate

use PVP (polyvinylpyrrolidone) as a
 binder - use PEG to increase tablet
 strength

Use this to find organic solution

Vanquat

Dodecanol

propylene glycol

propylene glycol diacetate

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20g pgd + 40g bicarb

+ 30g Stcarb

+ 10g vhp

+ 5g PEG

not free
flowing

good powder - slightly sticky

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DE-200 Dried Activator

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-1-2 2g pgda
 0.25g varicquat
 10g sorbitol
 3g citric acid
 nearly ffp

1-2-1 2g pgda
 0.25g varicquat
 5g Na citrate
 25g 3g Na Bisulfate (pH-) } nearly ffp
 3g sorbitol } good ffp after
 2 days

Test 21-3
 20g water
 5.1g 20-1-1
 3.3g 21-2-1 } pH 9.8
 Bilayer forms

Test 21-4
 20g water
 5.1g 20-1-1
 20-2-2 (3-3g) } pH ~~9.8~~ 9.3
 Bilayer forms

1-5 20g water + 5.1g 20-1-1
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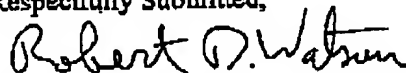
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In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 111(b), Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed invention description as a Provisional Patent Application: **Powdered Additive for DF-200**, by Mark D. Tucker, et al.

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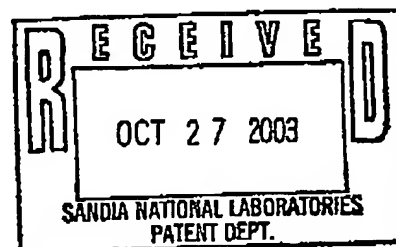
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